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PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Group Art Unit: 1733
Examiner: S. Yao
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In re Application of:

CHARLES EDWARD BOWERS

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Filed:

August 31, 1998

For: **YARN WITH HEAT ACTIVATED BINDER MATERIAL
AND PROCESS OF MAKING**

Colonial Heights, VA 23834
February 25, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**RECEIVED**

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This is in reply to the Office action mailed December 5, 2001 (Paper
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REMARKS

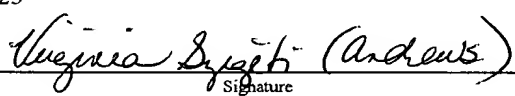
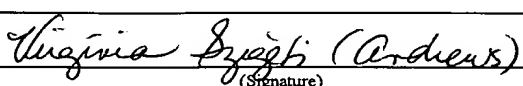
Claims 1-13 are pending in the application, with claims 4-13 being
withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 USC§103(a) as being
unpatentable over Lofquist (US 5,478,624) in view of Stahlecker et al. (US
4,495,758), Scott (US 4,668,552) and GB 2,205,116 A. Applicant respectfully
traverses this rejection.

Attached are Declarations under 37 CFR 1.132 by Mr. Charles E.
Bowers of Honeywell International and Professor William Oxenham of North
Carolina State University. As the Declarations present facts related to the
fibers of Lofquist cited in the Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that they
should be admitted.

The present invention is a process for producing plied tufting yarns
by twisting and heating two or more ring spun or wrap spun yarns. The ring
spun or wrap spun yarns are formed by ring spinning or wrap spinning a fiber
bundle with a second fiber comprising a heat-activated binder material. The

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER			ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO.: 30-2138CIP2			
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INVENTION: YARN WITH HEAT ACTIVATED BINDER MATERIAL AND PROCESS FOR MAKING						
INVENTOR(s): Charles Edward Bowers						
TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.						
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
(1)	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3)	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	3	MINUS	20	0	X \$18	0
INDEP. CLAIMS	1	MINUS	3		X \$84	0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						0
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